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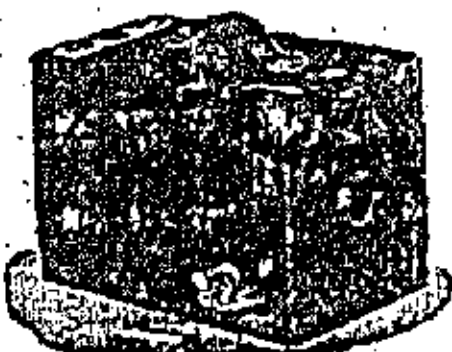
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On 7th March, at Shanghai, ENGLINE PHILLIPS to PHILIP W. MASSEY.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DE VOUX ROAD CL.
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HONGKONG, MARCH 17th, 1905.

KIAOCHAU may be regarded as the German Hongkong, albeit it is as yet only the Hongkong of years ago. The same remarkable commercial and urban development is apparent, however; a recent "White Book" showing how satisfactory has been the progress made, both economic and general. The opening of the large harbour, for which two jetties were put into use last year, and its railway connection with Tsinanfu, the capital of Shantung, encouraged the already promising increase of shipping. Adequate godown accommodation on the wharves is being provided; and there are expectations that the large floating dock will be ready for use immediately. The two-hundred-and-sixty-five miles of trunk railway, by the way, was finished well within the time stipulated, an excellent example that should stir emulation elsewhere. A branch line in the Po-shan Valley, twenty-seven miles long, has also been opened. The immediate result of all these facilities has been an increase in the Colonial receipts for 1904, £25,097, or £9,345 more than in 1903. The number of vessels entering Kiaochau was increased from 273 in 1903 to 337 last year, the total tonnage being 388,823 as compared with the previous 286,260 tons. The increased trade is also apparent in the reported receipts of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Tsingtau, which were £618,000 last year, and in 1903 only \$441,000. There was a corresponding increase in the value

of goods in transit. It must not be forgotten, when estimating the commercial progress of our northern competitor, that without the Russo-Japanese war, these returns would have been greater. The trade and shipping with Japan was suspended when the war began, and though it is again resuming, the official report under review was published before the further increment could be taken into account. On the landward side of the German Protectorate business is shown to have flourished, the weekly number of passengers conveyed to and from the Shantung Railway being from four to five thousand more than was the case in the previous twelve months. The goods traffic on this line exhibited a still more remarkable increase. Figures given relate to the first nine months of each year, and an increased volume of over two hundred per cent. is shown. Eighty-eight thousand tons were carried in the 1904 period, against twenty-seven thousand in the first three quarters of 1903. The Shantung export consignments of silk, plated straw, crockery, etc., were practically all diverted from road to rail. In a short time, no doubt, the goods traffic will be increased by the addition of much agricultural produce, the natives thus being able to find speedy market for the perishable commodities they raise in large quantities. The German port appears to have become increasingly popular as a tourist and health resort. Five hundred foreign visitors were registered at the big new hotel during the year; and the natives are said to have contemplated this invasion with equanimity, if not with unmixed satisfaction. The native officials were glad to send Chinese constables to study the German police system. Socially, Tsingtau is also a go-ahead place, numbering over a thousand population, and boasting two German newspapers and two Chinese. Excellent bathing facilities are there to tempt holiday-makers from Shanghai and neighbouring places. H.E. Governor TRUPPEL has cause to be proud of his charge.

Another anti-Catholic riot is reported in Taichoufu.

The German Mail of the 15th February was delivered in London on the 15th inst.

Major Norzani, Italian Consul at Shanghai, receives the Order of the Double Dragon, for services to China.

The tug-boat *Samson* has been sold by Mr. Bonnet Barleigh to its former owners, the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co.

The *Mainichi* reports that the Emperor of Corea has asked to be admitted a member of the Christian Church (Roman Catholic).

Chan Shi Fai and Lee Wing Hing, bankrupts, failed to attend at Court yesterday, and warrants were issued for their arrest.

The Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co. Ltd. made a profit of Tk 26,545.60 last year. A dividend of ten per cent. and a bonus of two per cent. are being paid.

In one week, ending Feb. 24th, the Shanghai police apprehended or summoned 1,675 persons for various offences, the favourite misdemeanour being the committing of nuisances.

Mr. F. A. Hazeland was the only Magistrate sitting at the Police Court yesterday. Mr. H. J. Gomperts having left for home on leave.

At the Police Court yesterday, Cho Eze Sun, a resident of Hollywood Road, was sentenced to imprisonment by Mr. F. A. Hazeland for one month with hard labour for cutting and wounding a comrade.

For packing goods on the landing steps at Connaught Road, Yen Wing, a general dealer residing at Peel Street, was yesterday fined \$25 by Mr. Hazeland. The alternative was six weeks imprisonment.

Owing to the unusually heavy rain on Wednesday afternoon, a retaining wall connected with some building operations at Maedonell Road collapsed yesterday morning. No casualties are reported.

The Hongkong Church Missionary Association, founded in 1899, is losing by so many of its members leaving the Colony. The annual subscription is quite small. Mr. G. E. Woodward, of Craigieburn, Peak, is the honorary Treasurer, and he reports that at the end of the year there was only \$74.58 in hand.

Li King Shek and his son have been arrested by the Chinese authorities at Canton in connection with the recent failure at Hongkong of the Kwong Yik Wo firm. The shop failed shortly before the Chinese New Year, the partners absconding (it is alleged) with the proceeds of a few thousand bags of flour.

The Bailiff of the Supreme Court recently had the steam launch *Competition* seized under a warrant. The action being settled, the launch was released, and to evade further proceedings cleared off to Canton. She has been now detained at Canton by the Harbour Master, as she is claimed by Mr. E. Murray of Duddell Street. Capt. Casey has left here for Canton with a crew to bring the launch back, the old crew having run away.

At the Union Church Literary Club last evening the Rev. C. H. Hickling delivered a very interesting lecture in appreciation of William Cowper.

The minutes of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, including a good deal of interesting correspondence, have been crowded into page 5. Other matter has had to be held over.

During the heavy rain yesterday morning a piece of the roof came down from Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company's old building in Queen's Road Central. Fortunately no one was hurt.

The s.s. *Proetus* was placed under arrest yesterday. The owners of the s.s. *Venicia* claim \$90,000 damages caused by the collision between the vessels, off Good Hope Cape on the 14th inst.

The N. C. Daily News, reporting a stabbing affray on the American sailing vessel *Wm. P. Frye*, says "These affairs all seem to be due to the imbibing of Hong-kong whisky." The bad liquor is smuggled on board.

The *Chief* Daily News reports that a mine washed ashore on the beach about five miles east of Chetoo. A passing mafo hit one of the spikes with his whip, and he and some eight onlookers were blown to pieces.

The *Munila Cubenue* was (as usual) wrong when it reported that Mr. Conner was leaving for the United States. He had returned to Shanghai on March 9th, was going to Peking for a short time, and then to his new post in Mexico.

The Hongkong Station of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company reports that, owing to interruptions of English land lines, and six cables off the coast of Portugal, by storms, delay may be expected on telegrams from Great Britain.

Thomas Smith, an unemployed mariner, was found drunk and incapable in Queen's Road on Wednesday night. Mr. F. A. Hazeland imposed a fine of \$2, or the alternative of seven days imprisonment. A like fine was inflicted on Buchanan Singh for a similar offence.

The N. C. Daily News on March 10th wrote:—A large number of letters and papers were delivered in Shanghai yesterday, bearing dates from Hongkong to the 27th ult., making them ten days en route. We learn that the Hongkong Post Office dispatched them by the Norwegian steamer *Aker*, which arrived here on Monday last, and that her Captain notified the Chinese Imperial Post Office that he had a mail on board, but by some accident it was not taken from the steamer.

The Hamburg correspondent of the *Vossische Zeitung* says that there are between 40 and 50 vessels carrying contraband on the way to Vladivostok, in many of which Hamburg-shippers are greatly interested. Nervousness is also felt in Hamburg shipping circles regarding the Hamburg colliers which are accompanying the Baltic Fleet. Owing to the capture of many merchant steamers, the number of the transports chartered by the Japanese Government is being reduced.

A social evening, under the auspices of the Royal Naval Temperance Society, was held at the City Hall last night. St. Andrew's Hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, and well filled. A lengthy musical programme was gone through, and the continued applause of the audience testified to their appreciation of same. The band of H.M.S. *Glory*, under the able baton of Mr. H. G. Naylor R.M.B., played selections throughout the evening. Refreshments were provided during the interval in the programme.

A fire broke out in the Che Ching Po Godown No. 74, Des Vaux Road, yesterday afternoon. The godown was stocked with oil, tarred rope and other inflammable material. The brigade turned out under Deputy Superintendent Lyons and Chief Inspector Baker, and after half-an-hour's hard work, got the fire under way. The damage is estimated at \$200, while the insurance with various companies on the godown and stock amounts to \$35,000. The fire is believed to have originated through a candle accidentally knocking a lighted lamp into a coil of tarred rope.

The Customs *Gazette* for the last quarter of last year shows a total revenue for the quarter with a marked advance on the previous year, the comparative figures being:

	1904.	1903.
Chinese ports	Hk. Tls. 8,284,224	Hk. Tls. 7,889,888
Kowloon and Lappa	191,344	186,598
Lauchoo, Mengtze, Sze-mao, and Tung-shu	104,662	66,400
Total	8,580,230	8,152,897

The total for the quarter at Shanghai was Hk. Tls. 3,485,403 against Hk. Tls. 2,592,934 in the same quarter of 1903.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the Band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, this (Friday) evening:—
March "The Soldiers of the Guard" Levey
Entr'acte "Introduction 3rd Act" "Lohengrin"
Wagner
Selection "Dorothy" "The Celier"
Valse "Pella Nita" "Buclossi"
Lancers "Buddigoro" "Buclossi"
Selection "The Dances of Dantzig" "Ivan Oryll"
Polka "Loreley"
Mazur "Horn D'Amour" "Sliced"
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MASONIC MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

The large Masonic Temple in Zetland Street is the property of Zetland Lodge (English Constitution) the oldest and largest lodge numerically in Hongkong. It is rented by the many other lodges, at so much per night, all the lodges in the Colony, except the new Lodge Eastern Scotia (Scottish Constitution), holding their meetings there. Brothers of Lodge Eastern Scotia meet in the upper hall of the Seamen's Institute at Kowloon. The Masonic Quadrille Club has, since its institution, held its monthly winter dances in the large banquet hall on the ground floor of the Zetland Street Lodge. The rent, however, \$50 a night, precludes the Club from paying its way. To raise the needed funds, it was decided to hold a smoking concert on the 21st instant. Some discussion arose with Zetland Lodge about the letting of the hall. As a consequence, the concert will be held in the old Chamber of Commerce Room at the City Hall. There is a talk of some of the lodges, perhaps Lodges St. John, United Service, and Naval and Military, finding a new place outside for holding their regular and emergency meetings. The rent that is charged, \$75 to \$100 per night, is considered too much. One lodge, for its twenty meetings last year, is said to have paid no less than \$1,500 rent to Zetland lodge. A prominent Freemason says that it is to be hoped that this question is settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, for if not, Zetland Lodge may find itself with something of the nature of a "white elephant" on its hands.

DALLAS-BANDMANN COMPANY.

"The Girl from Kay's," produced at the theatre last evening by the Dallas-Bandmann Opera Company, required only a small cast. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Dallas appeared. Mr. Frank Cochran, as Percy Fitzthistle, was very funny, and his make-up was splendid. The little "masher" with his "ha, ha, ha," never failed to create applause, the looking-glass song being particularly good. Mr. Jamie Dallas, as Hoggabheimer, was appreciated. Mr. Edgar Ronalds' song "I don't care" was a pleasurable item that made a decided hit. Mr. Cooke was an excellent porter, and Mr. Mc Intyre was quite at home as Theodore Quench; as also was Mr. Hayden as Mr. Chalmers. Miss Violet Frampton sang a duet with Mr. Gordon. "Semi-detached," and her crying song received much applause. Miss Queenie Stueland, as "the girl from Kay's" was not so happy as in some of her favourite characters. Miss Hunter took the part of Mrs. Chalmers. Some neat dancing was done by Miss Dolly Vorden. Other features were Miss Amy Bailey's song and dance, and a song by the "Royal Pierrots." Miss Lascombe and M. Kaye. The scenery was good, and some of the dresses were very pretty.

THE WEIHAWEI LAND AND BUILDING CO., LD.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the WeihaWei Land and Building Company, Limited, was held at Shanghai on March 8th. There were present Messrs. W. A. C. Platt (Chairman), E. Jenner Hogg, A. McLeod (Directors), P. F. Lavers (Secretary), W. C. Murray, A. P. Wood, H. F. Bell, W. S. Jackson, H. W. G. Hayter, A. L. Anderson, Captain J. B. Lowe, J. M. Young, W. D. Little, and R. B. Allen. The shareholders present represented 1,168 shares. The Chairman said: "The accounts show a much more satisfactory state of affairs than any others that have been put before you at our annual general meetings. This is to a great extent due to our having been able to dispose of a part of our property known as Estate No. 6. That estate cost us and stood in our books at Tk 7,770.02 and we sold it for £1,850 or Tk 14,557.38, realising thereby a net profit (after paying expenses) of Tk 6,787.36. We have been able to pay off our debit balance with the Bank, and have now a credit balance. We have written off 33 1/3 per cent. from furniture account, and we have invested in Shanghai Gas Company debentures the sum of Tk 8,691.24. This sum, we suggest, should be used for developing the Company's business so soon as we learn definitely the British Government's intentions with regard to the future of WeihaWei and sufficient encouragement is given to invest capital in the place. I am sorry to say we have not been successful in obtaining from the British Government payment of our claim for the 1901 rents of the bungalows. When Mr. Hogg was in England he got certain Members of the House of Commons to take an interest in the claim and did all he could to get the claim recognised, but without success. Our thanks, however, are due to Mr. Hogg for the trouble he took in the matter. We think it as well to leave this item still standing in our books in the hope that some day the justice of our claim may be recognised. At the last annual meeting a shareholder suggested that the advantages of WeihaWei as a deep water port, and otherwise, should be brought to the notice of big shipping firms. Steps have been taken in this direction, but we are afraid that until our Government makes known its future intentions with regard to WeihaWei, no extensive private outlays will take place in godowns and shipping facilities. Eight bungalows are now let for this season, which is the best the Company has yet done. The furniture account has been considerably written down, and as the Company's buildings have been kept in good repair we think we can say the general financial position of the Company is sound, and puts us in a position to take advantage of any opportunity that may arise for furthering the Company's interests. The following resolutions were put and carried unanimously:—
Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murray: That the report and accounts be accepted and passed.
Proposed by Mr. A. L. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bell: That Mr. W. A. C. Platt be re-elected a director of the Company.
Proposed by Mr. W. D. Little, seconded by Mr. Young: That Mr. A. E. Leake be re-elected auditor.
Leave to appeal was applied for at Shanghai in Hall and Holt v. Rickard, a master and servant case in which the Court ruled the servant's agreement not binding. The motion was adjourned for an arrangement of terms between counsel.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

CONTRABAND SEIZURES AND INSURANCE.

LONDON, 16th March.

The *Tacoma* was insured for £52,100. The amount of insurance involved by seizures of steamers to date is reported to be £1,530,000. Great Britain is claiming £100,000 on account of the *Knight Commander*.

DESTRUCTIVE GALE IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, 16th March.

A destructive gale swept over the south of England yesterday. The s.s. *Kyber* was wrecked at Landsend, and twenty-three lives lost.

NEW BORNEO CURRENCY.

SANDAKAN, 16th March.

The British North Borneo Government has decided to adopt the new Straits currency.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

LONDON, 15th March.

The estimated revenue of Great Britain for the fiscal year 1905-6 shows an increase of £2,000,000. The expenditure shows an estimated decrease of £5,000,000.
[In the 1904-5 Budget, the revenue was put at £138,060,000, and the expenditure at £142,880,000.]

A STEP TOWARD PEACE.

LONDON, 15th March.

The French have suspended the Russian loan which was being raised in Paris.

ANOTHER SUICIDE AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, 15th March.

Mr. Fiske of the American Tobacco Company committed suicide this morning. Insomnia and consequent depression are stated to have driven the deceased to commit the desperate act.

IMPORTANT CHANGE AT GIBRALTAR.

THE NAVY TAKES CHARGE.

Gibraltar is to be turned over to the Navy on April 1st.

The Royal Marine Artillery are to be transferred from Eastney (Portsmouth) to Gibraltar.

A Naval Governor will be appointed to Gibraltar.

The Royal Marine Corps is transferred permanently to the Navy, and comes under the Naval Discipline Act on April 1st.

The Royal Marine Light Infantry is to be augmented by 5,000 men, to replace the R.M.A.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE YELLOW PERIL.

LONDON, 14th March.

M. Clementel, French Minister for the Colonies, will spend September in Indo-China studying the improvement of defenses in view of the changed conditions existing in the Far East.

RUSSIA'S "SUBMERGED TENTH."

LONDON, 14th March.

Peasants have brutally slaughtered nine landed proprietors in the province of Kursk Southern Russia. The riot is rapidly spreading among the peasants.

THE WAR.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

EASTWARD—HOW LONG?

SINGAPORE, 16th March.

The Japanese squadron left here last evening, sailing eastward.

KUROPATKIN'S REPORT OF TIEHLING.

LONDON, 16th March.

General Kuropatkin's account of the battle at Tieling states that he succeeded in repulsing the Japanese, killing a thousand of them. He admits to one thousand Russian casualties in the same affair. The Japanese are said to be still developing their circling movement.

[It should be remembered, in justice to that gallant but unfortunate officer, that in England they receive Russian official versions of Kuropatkin's reports. The occasional discrepancies between figures and facts, thus assigned to him at St. Petersburg, are probably not his at all.]

[BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL.]

JAPANESE OCCUPY HINGKING.

Tokyo, 16th March.

Our detachment occupied Hinking on the 13th inst.

TIEHLING FALLS.

Tokyo, 16th March.

Our advanced troops, after pressing the enemy everywhere, occupied Tiehling at twenty minutes past noon to-day.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

OFFICIAL ADMISSION.

LONDON, 14th March.

General Kuropatkin wiring on the 11th instant, admitted the loss of 50,000 men wounded.

"WITH FRANTIC HASTE."

LONDON, 14th March.

Preparations for the defence of Tieling are going on with frantic haste; new trenches are being dug, and fortifications constructed.

["N.C. Daily News" Service.]

THE ENVELOPING OF KUROPATKIN.

Tokyo, 7th March.

The Tokyo papers observe that Marshal Oyama is now adopting against General Kuropatkin the tactics which the latter essayed, with, however, two cardinal differences. First, whereas General Kuropatkin endeavoured in January last to turn the Japanese left at Heikouki, Marshal Oyama is now endeavouring to turn the Russian left and right simultaneously. Secondly both Marshal Oyama's movements are on a larger scale than General Kuropatkin's. It is stated on reliable authority that General Kuropatkin knew of the Japanese advance in the Heikouki region, but was trying to drive a wedge into the Japanese centre by the extension of counter-attacks mentioned in previous telegrams for the purpose of cutting the Japanese line in two. This scheme, however, entirely failed, which naturally expedited the Heikouki operations, to which the Japanese attach much importance.

In conjunction with the assault on the centre, which has already vigorously begun along the railway, General Kuropatkin has been searching for weak points in the Japanese centre by an important counter-attack. Now he appears to be somewhat convinced of the hopelessness of the above programme, and is at present re-organising his wings, the immediate result of this probably being the weakening of the Russian centre. General Kuropatkin appears to be unaware of the disposition of the Japanese forces. According to the Tokyo papers, the Russian strength is 412 battalions of infantry, besides 30,000 cavalry, and 35,000 artillery, with 1,500 guns.

MORE INTERCEPTED COAL.

Tokyo, 8th March.

The English steamers *Venus* and *Aphrodite* with coal, and *Vladivostok* were seized on the 4th and 6th inst., respectively. Japan has up till now captured thirty-two steamers totalling 100,040 tons, and lost four steamers of over a thousand tons each. The total gain to Japan is 98,000 tons.

[The *Venus* and *Aphrodite* are both on the Newcastle register in the name of the *Venus S. S. Co. Ltd.* They are of net tonnage 2,304 and 2,268 tons respectively. The *Venus* left Barry on the 25th of December for Saigon; the *Aphrodite* also left Barry for Saigon on the 21st of December.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P.M. str. *Korea*, with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 1 a.m., and is due here to-morrow at daylight.

The O. & O. str. *Coptic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco, is due at this port this morning via Kobe, &c., and is due here on the 23rd inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 11 p.m. on Tuesday, the 14th inst., and left again at noon on Wednesday for Yokohama, where she was due to arrive at noon yesterday.

The H.A.L. str. *Bhenania*, from Hamburg, left Shanghai for this port on the 7th inst., p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Ben Line str. *Benvenue* left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst., from London, and is expected here on Monday, the 20th inst.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 16th at 12.15 p.m. The barometer has fallen over the Formosa Channel, and risen in the neighbourhood of Hongkong.

Pressure remains high over N. China and relatively low along the S. coast of China.

Gradients are apparently rather steep in the North and moderate in the South.

Forecast:—N.E. to N. winds, moderate; the weather is likely to improve.

The information received this morning is very scanty.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

Thursday, 16th March.

BEFORE SIR H. S. BRIDGES (CHIEF JUSTICE).

WONG LUT WAN v. TAM CHAN U.

The Chief Justice gave judgment in this action. The Hon. Mr. R. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Mr. R. Harding (of Messrs. Evans and Hutton) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. Almada e Castro, for the defendant.

His Lordship said:—This is an action to compel specific performance of an agreement in writing for the purchase of certain property in the pleadings specified dated the 28th May 1903; with a claim in the alternative for damages. The making of the agreement and the payment of a deposit on account of the purchase money is admitted by the defendant but he denies that the plaintiff is entitled to call upon him to perform the agreement and claims a return by the plaintiff of the deposit paid on account of purchase money on the ground that he had entered into an agreement and paid the deposit on the faith of the material representation made to him by the plaintiff and by the plaintiff's agent that the property was at the time bringing in a rental of \$850 a month which was in fact untrue. This material representation the defendant says was made to him both verbally and in writing and he produces a document which if genuine supports his contention. This document purports to be a written authority by the plaintiff to a broker on Cheung Fu Shan to sell certain houses in Richmond Street then bringing a rental of \$850 a month. The document as translated is as follows:—The maker of the order is Wong Lut Wan who has now handed over to Cheung Fu Shan six European houses in one row on an area of 75,000 square feet on lots numbered 1216 and 609 in Richmond Street on Green Mount. It is distinctly agreed that the fixed price of \$61,500 shall be charged payable in bank notes. The time up to the first day of the 5th moon is fixed for the payment of the bargain money of \$61,500. Brokerage is to be calculated at \$1 per \$100 and if the time fixed is over this paper shall be treated as waste paper. This is proof. Rent for each month \$850. Kwang Su 29th Year 4th Moon 30th day. Writing made by Wong Lut Wan.

The last day of the 5th moon is the 27th of May. The 29th Year of Kwang Su the 4th moon 30th day is the 26th May 1903. The defendant declares that this document as it now stands was on the evening of the 28th May, 1903, handed to him in his house by the plaintiff's broker and his evidence in that respect is corroborated by one Sz Hoi Chu a friend who stated that he was in the defendant's house at the time. It is admitted by the plaintiff that the document, with an exception I will mention, was written by him and handed to the defendant by the broker by his authority; but the plaintiff denies that the words "Rent for each month \$850" were written by him or with his authority. He says that when he handed the document to the broker for the purpose of being given to the defendant those words were not on the document; and the broker added the statement that when he handed the document to the defendant it did not contain the words "rent each month \$850"; but concluded with the words "This is proof." On the other hand the witness Sz Hoi Chu declares that those words were on the document when it was handed to the defendant by the broker. He says that the defendant having asked him if he considered he had made a good bargain, he looked at the document and observed that the rental was stated to be \$850 a month. The direct testimony as to whether the words constituting the material representation were or were not on the document when it was handed to the defendant exactly balances. Two witnesses swear positively one way and two swear as positively the opposite way. The question is where does the truth lie? I think this question can only be satisfactorily answered after a consideration of the probabilities. I will first consider that material fact which may be regarded as established and then what legitimate conclusion may be deduced from them. We have it established that at the time the plaintiff placed the houses in the hands of the broker to sell them the locality in which they were situated had a bad reputation for fever; that in consequence four of the six houses were then unoccupied, and so remain to this day; and for similar reason the remaining two became vacant shortly after the property was sold to the defendant. It is clear then that at the time the plaintiff employed the broker to sell those houses he had a strong inducement to do what he could to rid himself of the property. We have it further established as a fact that the words "rent for each month \$850" which the defendant says were added by the plaintiff after the rest of the document had been written bear a strong resemblance to the plaintiff's handwriting. The explanation suggested by the defendant is that yielding to the temptation of getting rid of the property which could not be rented the plaintiff inserted the untrue representation as to the rental in a forged hand in order to enable him when the inevitable discovery of the truth took place to repudiate the representation as emanating from him. The explanation offered by the plaintiff for the admitted similarity is that the defendant desiring to get out of his bargain added the words "Rent for each month \$850" after the document had been handed to him by the broker either himself imitating the plaintiff's handwriting or procuring someone to do so. On behalf of the plaintiff a man now in his

employ who was not at the time the gardener of the tenant of one of the houses then rented and who was acting as caretaker of the four empty houses gave evidence that on two occasions prior to the 27th May the defendant visited and inspected the houses on one occasion accompanied by the broker and on the other occasion by a stranger to whom he spoke of the houses in terms of praise. The suggestion is that the defendant had entered into negotiation with the broker for the purchase of the houses as a speculation well knowing them to have a bad reputation for fever but expecting to get them cheap in consequence, and believing at the time that he saw his way to sell them at a profit; and that he was still under the belief that he signed the agreement at Mr. D'Almada's office for purchase; but that he subsequently failed to re-sell and desiring to be relieved of his bargain he conceived the idea of alleging a misrepresentation inducing him to purchase and thereupon forged or procured the forgery of the words "Rent for each month \$850" added to the end of the authority to sell given by the plaintiff to the broker. In support of this suggestion the plaintiff tendered the evidence of a European architect to the effect that in his opinion the houses were cheap at the price for which the plaintiff agreed to sell them. The defendant however absolutely denies the assertion that he visited and inspected the houses before he purchased them, and points out that the assertion rests upon the uncorroborated evidence of the gardener and the broker both of whom he submits are to be regarded as interested and biased persons, the gardener being in the present employ of the plaintiff at \$13 a month, and the broker depending for his commission on the success of the plaintiff in this action, and he submits that the architect's opinion is open to the criticism that houses which cannot be rented can hardly be said to be cheap at any price. The contention of the plaintiff is moreover that the defendant whom he describes as a lead speculator did not rely upon the alleged representation that the houses were let for \$850, but that he visited the property and inspected it and knew that four out of the six houses were unlet and that the remaining two were let for \$100 a month and the other for \$98. In other words the plaintiff asserts that so far from the defendant believing that the houses were rented for \$850 a month he knew only two were rented for \$198. It is true as asserted by the gardener and the broker, but denied by the defendant, that he visited and inspected the houses before entering into the agreement to buy them? If he did he must of course become aware of the fact that four of the six were unrented. He is described by the plaintiff as a sharp business man and a speculator in land and house property. If that description is fair then it must be assumed that he would on finding four of the six houses empty enquire into the cause. Enquiry would have disclosed to him the fact that these houses could not be let because of this evil reputation for fever. Yet this business-like lead speculator entered, it is alleged, into an agreement to buy for \$61,500 six houses knowing that four of them were empty and not likely to be let, and knowing that all the return he could depend upon was the rent for two houses let on short tenancies and producing in all \$198 a month. Such conduct on the part of a man may be possible but it is not such as would be expected. This suggestion that he would be tempted by the low price at which he was getting the houses does not carry much weight for \$61,500 is a very large sum of money; and as I have said it seems to me a misuse of the terms to describe as cheap at that sum a row of houses which cannot be let. The houses, it is admitted, are at present, nearly two years after making of the agreement, to enforce which this action is brought, still unlet. It seems to me more likely that the plaintiff, the owner, who knew the reason why he could not let his property, would be possessed of a strong desire to get rid of them, rather than the defendant, a speculator knowing of their reputation for fever, would be likely to burden himself with property that, assuming he knew of the evil reputation, he must have known he would in all probability have great difficulty either in renting or selling. If the evidence of the compradore Sz Hoi Chu who appears to be a very respectable man is accepted, then it is established that two days before the agreement for the purchase was signed at the office of Mr. D'Almada who was acting as solicitor for both parties the added words were as they now appear on the broker's written authority from the plaintiff. Why should that man's evidence be rejected? He is about the only disinterested witness who gives really material evidence. The question then is were the words in dispute on the broker's authority before the agreement was signed at Mr. D'Almada's? On that question Mr. D'Almada's evidence is of importance. He says that on the 27th May, the day following the one of which Sz Hoi Chu spoke, the defendant came to his office and told him that he had bought the property for \$61,500; that he expressed doubts as to the wisdom of the purchase; and that the defendant then said to him "Oh that's all right; the rental is \$850" at the same time producing the broker's written authority to sell. Mr. D'Almada added that he speaks Chinese but cannot read or write that language but he keeps clerks who do both. He did not however call one of the clerks in to translate the document because he accepted the defendant's statement. Later in the same day there was a meeting at Mr. D'Almada's office between the plaintiff and the defendant which has a most important bearing upon the question I am now discussing to which I will refer later. In the meantime I will deal with the question—what effect should be given to what took place at the morning's interview. First it is to be observed that though Mr. D'Almada cannot read Chinese he keeps clerks who can

and that while he does not read Chinese he speaks the language. It is likely that the defendant would have produced to such a man the broker's authority in support of his statement that the houses were rented for \$850 if the words which bear out the statement had not been on the face of the document? How was he to know that Mr. D'Almada did not read Chinese or that he would not call in one of his clerks to read the document to him? Next it is to be remembered that according to the plaintiff's evidence the defendant then knew that the houses were not let for \$850 but that the majority were unlet and only two let for \$198. The suggestion is that the defendant, though he was then under no obligation to enter into the agreement to purchase, and though he was well aware of the evil reputation of the houses and consequently of the probably worthless character of his bargain, was yet of so recklessly speculative a character as to be ready and willing to risk \$61,500 on the chance that if he subsequently found it impossible to re-sell at a profit he would be able by means of a forgery to repudiate his bargain, and that to enable him to sustain his case to repudiate he invented his statement to Mr. D'Almada respecting the rental which his purchase was then bringing in? That theory of the plaintiff is however undoubtedly open to the criticism that the whole fabric of the intended fraud would have been destroyed had Mr. D'Almada called one of his clerks to translate the document which the defendant handed or showed to him to support his statement as to the rental. The risk in that respect would have been so great that it must be assumed that the defendant spoke truly when he said that the broker's authority would bear out his assertion as to the rental; and that if the defendant is guilty of the crime imputed to him he must have added the words previously to going to the office of his solicitor Mr. D'Almada. The probabilities appear to me to favour the view that the added words were on the document at the time of the defendant's visit to Mr. D'Almada on the morning of the 27th May 1903. I do not think the defendant would have ventured to make the assertion he did to his solicitor with respect to the document he produced, unless that document had at the time contained the words "Rent for each month \$850." I assume therefore that those words were on the document at the time of the defendant's visit to his solicitor on the morning of the 27th May. The question is were those words inserted in that document by the defendant for the purpose of furthering the nefarious design imputed to him by the plaintiff, or were they on the document when it was handed to the defendant by the broker on the previous evening. It seems to me that what took place at the interview between the defendant and the plaintiff at Mr. D'Almada's office on the afternoon of the 27th will throw the light that will enable me to come to a proper decision on that question. In order to understand the attitude of the plaintiff on that occasion, and to appreciate the value of what he did or said, or omitted to say, it is necessary to bear in mind the fact that he was not present at the morning interview between the defendant and Mr. D'Almada. He did not know that Mr. D'Almada had expressed a doubt as to the wisdom of the defendant in making the purchase, nor did he know that the defendant had justified his action by stating the large rental he would receive. At the interview in the afternoon there were present only the two parties and their solicitors. Mr. D'Almada said that while he was perusing the title deeds of the property which had been brought by the plaintiff preparatory to preparing the agreement he heard the plaintiff talking to the defendant endeavouring to raise the price from \$61,500 to \$63,000; that the defendant refused to agree to the rise and that ultimately producing the rental in support of his assertion that the rental was \$850, the defendant showing it to the plaintiff said "No! Your order is for \$61,500. Is not that your order?" Mr. D'Almada says that the plaintiff looked at the document produced to him by the defendant and said "Yes," and the agreement was thereupon signed; and the bargain money paid on the following day.

Now the importance of that evidence lies in the fact that the plaintiff on the document being shown to him by the defendant made no reference to the words "Rent for each month \$850" assuming, as I think I must, that those words were at that time on the face of the document. The explanation offered for him is that if they were there he did not see them; that the question between himself and the defendant was then confined to the amount of the purchase money which he wished to raise from the defendant and that he was so busy with that question that he did not see the words which were there and known to him to be added forgeries placed there by himself for certain possible future contingencies, would for a second time that day have deliberately incurred the risk of detection and exposure. On the other hand it is conceivable that the plaintiff may have been the words "Rent for each month \$850" and yet not repudiate them; for on the theory of the defence the time for his so doing had not arrived, and it must be remembered that he knew nothing of the conversation between the defendant and his solicitor at the morning interview when the defendant had produced the document in support of his assertion regarding the rental expected to receive from his projected purchase.

On the theory of the defence for the plaintiff to have repudiated the words then would have been to destroy his chance of selling the property and would have defeated the very object he had in view in inserting them. The interview just referred to had taken place at Mr. D'Almada's office on the 27th May. On the 15th June the defendant consulted Mr. D'Almada to his right to rescind the agreement. He had, he says, in the meantime after the signing of the agreement and paying the deposit, discovered the fraud that had been perpetrated on him. On going to see his purchase he had for the first time become aware that four of the six houses were empty and the two only let at a rental aggregated \$198 a month. On the 15th June the defendant to sell and Mr. D'Almada says it appeared to him identically the same document which he had produced at the two interviews already referred to. The defendant left the document with his

solicitor, and next day on the plaintiff's arrival at the office for the purpose of completing the sale and receiving the balance of purchase money, the document was handed to the defendant, who producing it said he refused to complete the bargain as the rental was not as represented on the broker's written authority. According to Mr. D'Almada the plaintiff then said "Let me see the order," that on its being shown to him he examined it and declared that the portion relating to the rental had not been inserted in the document by him; that the defendant then said "You admitted the document to be written by you at the time I signed the agreement to buy the property; now you deny that you wrote all of it." Plaintiff replied—"Yes, but I did not then carefully examine it." With reference to this reply Mr. D'Almada said "I was present at the time. I saw plaintiff then looking at the document. He appeared to me to be then reading it." The answer was that the defendant refused to complete and in October of the same year, some five months later, the plaintiff commenced these proceedings. No explanation of the delay is given, but it has had no weight with me in the consideration of the sharp issue joined in this case between the parties. It seems to me for the reasons I have given that the probabilities are on the side of the defendant. I believe that the representation as to the rental was made to him by the plaintiff through the broker, and that he as a fact signed the agreement to purchase relying upon that representation; and that he made no independent examination of the property until after he had bought it, when he discovered the misrepresentation that had been made. The property was as easily accessible, and the defendant could have made an inspection had he pleased before signing the agreement; but I find as a fact that he did not. The fact that he had the means of discovering the fraud is therefore immaterial. (Regrave v. Hurd 20 Ch. Div. 1).

I therefore hold that the defendant is entitled to rescind the agreement of the 27th May 1903 made between himself and the plaintiff for the purchase of the property described; and that the defendant is entitled to have back from the plaintiff the sum of \$61,500, with interest thereon at eight per cent. per annum from the 28th May 1903 paid as bargain money. Judgment therefore is for the defendant with costs.

Mr. Pollock asked His Lordship to make an order that the plaintiff pay interest at the rate of eight per cent. on the bargain money, \$61,500, from the 28th May 1903 to the date when the plaintiff paid it up.

An order was made.

THE SHANGHAI GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual meeting of shareholders in this company was held at Shanghai on March 7th. There were present: Mr. E. Jenner Hogg (Chairman), Messrs. F. Aynough, J. Cooper, P. F. Lavers and J. M. Young (Directors), Mr. H. King Hillier (Chief Engineer and Acting Secretary), Messrs. J. Ambrose, W. Armstrong, H. F. Bell, A. H. Brooks, P. J. Clark, W. B. Cheeston, H. B. Hobson, A. Hunt, J. W. Jamieson, C. Selby Moore, E. E. Parsons, W. A. C. Platt, F. W. Potter, A. Reed, D. Reid, M. D. A. Sheehan, and R. E. Young, representing 2,897 shares and 730 votes. The Chairman said:—It is a great pleasure to meet you again today and to be able to present to you such an excellent record of the company's progress and position. We satisfactorily show that our anticipations of increased business are fully borne out, and that our energy to meet it has been not only prudent but absolutely necessary, and we shall have to continue our provision. You have doubtless studied the Report and Accounts in which we have given you the fullest information, but I may make a few remarks. You will note an increase of nearly 28½ per cent. in private consumption, and though we have not much opportunity of extending our public lighting in the Settlements north of the Yangtse River, we are extending the incandescent gas system in the streets, etc., of the French Settlement. We only supplied one gas engine more last year than in 1903, but the consumption in this form has increased by 45½ per cent. Looking at Working Account, our total receipts are Tls. 4,323,000.74, against Tls. 3,307,971.11, an increase of Tls. 1,015,029.63 or 30.68 per cent. Actual gas sales amount to Tls. 3,744,600.02, against Tls. 2,937,786.54, an increase of Tls. 806,813.48 or 27.45 per cent. There is an increase in the item for fuel, but unfortunately we have a falling off in the price of coke, which has reduced our income from that source. We shall get an improvement on the present time when the time comes for rearranging the contract next month. As to the other side of this account I need only remark that the increase of expenditure is the necessity of our increased business. With reference to Profit and Loss, I am sorry to say, we have to show a loss through an employee, who managed to appropriate some of the consumer's deposits. We endeavoured, but failed, to obtain redress in the Consular Court. There was also an unusually large bad debt, and this too we were unable to recover. Precautions have been taken which will, I believe, prevent the recurrence of such like misfortunes. The state of the debenture market will account for the bulk of the debit entry of Tls. 8,068.78, as we, like others, had to issue some of our debentures under par. On the other side, I need only explain that interest account is the balance after crediting this account with interest on plant and buildings in course of construction less the debit of interest on overdrafts. You will have been fully prepared for the important additions to our assets as shown in the Balance Sheet. I need only say that they are the result of the company's progress and position. We have thus far added to our share premium account through the issue of the further capital at a premium of Tls. 25 per share. Having thus increased the accounts it is now my pleasing duty to ask you to approve the appropriations we propose of our balance of Tls. 142,869.95, as stated in the report. It is a matter of congratulation that we are fully able to keep up the same return per share as last year, although it is on a capital increased from Tls. 333,300 to Tls. 800,000. We have written off our depreciation under the different headings, and I am sure you will endorse the prudence of a transfer of Tls. 20,000 to renewals and depreciation accounts, bringing it up to the substantial sum of Tls. 145,000. As to the future, all indications point to an unimpaired rate of progress, and this cannot be surprising to any who have taken an interest in what has been and is still going on elsewhere, since the improvements and developments following on the invention of Welsbach. It is impossible to ignore the practical meaning of the fact (not to mention others) that two new magnificent thoroughfares in London are being lighted with gas after the Holborn Council had decided

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that "the lighting should leave nothing to be desired." And those who wish to learn how only to study the accounts of the recent gas exhibition in London to understand what splendid results are now obtainable from gas for lighting, heating, and power. I need not say much more about our progress here. We are now frequently making 1,300,000 cubic feet in a day. On China New Year's day we reached 1,855,200 cubic feet, and it is interesting to compare that with the corresponding date in 1903 when it was only 72,000 cubic feet, which at that time pleased us very much. During 1905 our coal supply will cost us rather less per ton than last year, and we have a large scheme for improved distribution, and you may rely on our keeping abreast of the times in all directions. I have no doubt that this will, before long, compel us to extend our expenditure on our works that may be provided as they become necessary, and which will involve the raising of further capital in some form or other. I hope that the day is not far distant when we shall be able to effect a further reduction in the price to consumers. Adopted as circumstances permit, this policy has everything to recommend it. It confers a benefit on our consumers and it tends to increase our consumption; in fact, it is Messrs. him that give, and him that takes."

The following resolutions were put and carried unanimously.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. M. Young: That the report and accounts as presented be accepted.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cooper: That a final dividend for the year ended the 31st December 1904 at the rate of seven per cent. on the paid-up capital of the company be paid to the shareholders.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lavers: That a bonus of Tls. 1.50 per share be paid to the shareholders on the paid-up capital of the company for the year 1904.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Cooper: That the balance at credit of profit and loss account remaining after the payment of the dividend and bonus on the shares declared at this meeting, be appropriated as recommended by the directors in their report for the year 1904.

Proposed by Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Clark: That the appointment of Mr. F. Aynough as a director of the company be confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. Platt, seconded by Mr. Ambrose: That the appointment of Mr. E. Jenner Hogg as a director of the company be confirmed.

Proposed by Dr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Sheehan: That Mr. J. M. Young be re-elected as director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. Toog, seconded by Mr. Bell: That Mr. W. H. Anderson be elected auditor of the company.

THE SOY CHEE COTTON SPINNING CO., LD.

The annual meeting of this Company was held at Shanghai on March 7th. There were present: Messrs. M. Mittag (Chairman), A. Zickermann, A. Hoertler, W. Sawchin, and Ho Hsin-chu (Directors), L. Lemke (General Manager), A. L. Charlton, F. Grünwald and Vice-Consul Mezzar.

The Chairman said:—Before entering into the business of the day, it is with extreme regret I have to inform you that Mr. Joh. Neelting, the Chairman of our Company, died on the 26th of September, 1904, and I would request you to rise in memory of the deceased gentleman, who was connected with our Company practically since its inception.

Those present rose in their places for a moment, and on resuming their seats, the Chairman continued:

You will have seen that the profit on Working Account for last year amounts to Tls. 80,532.39, as against Tls. 88,758.80 for the preceding year. This result, I regret to say, cannot be called satisfactory, although the fact must not be lost sight of that our mill, and the cotton spinning industry generally in this part of the world, have been and are still passing through anxious times. The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, after the deduction of all charges interest, etc., amounts to Tls. 49,124.73, which includes the sum of Tls. 26,389.77 brought forward from 1903 accounts.

Your Directors have been unable to declare a dividend out of this balance on hand, but have deemed it advisable to provide for an increase of our Legal Reserve Fund, in accordance with the Rules of Association, and for depreciation of machinery and furniture accounts as set forth in the report, and to again carry forward some Tls. 22,000 to new account, to provide for contingencies. Upon examination of the accounts you will find that the account which by the increased amount on interest, rather unsatisfactory result has been brought about chiefly by the increased amount on interest, which we have had to contend with, viz. Tls. 51,070.43. This, gentlemen, may be considered as a direct outcome of the political situation, which not only practically closed the Northern ports to us for some time, our production being to some extent dependent upon those outlets, but also adversely influenced our business generally. Although we have been able to dispose of last year's production at prices leaving a fair margin of profit, our stock of yarn is kept on an abnormally high figure practically all the year round, thereby necessitating an extraordinary strain on our financial resources and involving a very heavy expenditure on interest account. I may state, however, in this connection, that we have been able to make satisfactory arrangements with our buyers, whereby our stock will be gradually reduced during the next month, and I am pleased to say that there are already signs of improvement, our stock of manufactured yarn is in good down decreasing daily. In regard to the working of our mill during the year under review, I am glad to state that as a whole we worked satisfactorily and steadily all the year round, with practically no irregular interruptions at all.

The following resolutions were put and unanimously carried:—

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. E. Lemke: That the report and accounts as presented be passed.

Proposed by Mr. Zickermann, seconded by Mr. W. Sawchin: That the election of Mr. Hoertler as a director be confirmed.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ho Hsin-chu: That Messrs. A. Zickermann and W. Sawchin be re-elected directors.

Proposed by Mr. Lemke, seconded by Mr. Zickermann: That Mr. E. Gorecki be re-elected auditor.

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [739]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LD.

GOODS received on storage in the Warehouse Storing Company's Godown at Whanchai.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [731]

TO LET.

PER 1st April, ONE OFFICE ROOM on Second Floor Prince's Buildings.

Apply—
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [732]

SWATOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

REMOVAL OF THE WRECK OF S.S. Workfield.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Master, Funnell, of the sunken steamer Workfield, about 7 miles off Cape of Good Hope in Lat. 23° 7' 30" N. Long. 116° 48' 45" E. have been removed.

There are now 3 fathoms of water over any part of the wreck. At present a decided ripple is shown over the remains.

A. HOLZ,
Harbour Master.

Approved,
FRANK SMITH,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,
Swatow, 13th March, 1905. [733]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1905, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1904, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 28th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [735]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on MONDAY,

the 20th MARCH, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Godown, No. 1, at Kowloon,

the following FANCY PIECE GOODS.

14 Cases CASIMERE;
7 Cases SHIRTING PRINTS;
33 Cases WHITE SHIRTINGS.

Also
On TUESDAY,

the 21st instant, at Noon, at the Auction Room,
3 Cases SHIRTING PRINTS.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery. All lots with all faults and errors of description at purchasers' risks on the fall of the hammer.

V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [736]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the OFFICIAL RECEIVER in Bankruptcy, to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,

the 22nd MARCH, 1905, at 11 a.m., at Hop Yick's Godowns, West Point.

The following Merchandise—

No. 1 Godown—33 Pieces COPPER, 350 Bags RANGOON BEANS, 111 Bags COW'S HIDE GLUE, 250 Bags BROWN SUGAR CANDY, 250 Bags DARK BROWN SUGAR.

No. 2 Godown—5 Bags BLACK PEPPER, No. 6 Godown—7,200 SMALL WOOD STICKS.

No. 7 Godown—587 Bags STARCH FLOUR, 64 Bags RANGOON BEANS, 52 Bags COW'S HIDE GLUE.

No. 8 Godown—8 Bags BLACK PEPPER, 99 Bags GROUND NUT (with Skin), 71 Baskets BLACK JAVA SUGAR, 194 Bags RANGOON WHEATS.

No. 9 Godown—174 Bags BLACK PEPPER, 222 Bags GROUND NUT (with Skin).

No. 10 Godown—1,327 Bags GROUND NUT, 30 Bales TOBACCO LEAVES, 35 Bags CHINESE MEDICINES, 223 Bags LIGHT BROWN SUGAR CANDY, 57 Bags GLUTINOUS RICE.

No. 11 Godown—327 Bags SUGAR CANDY.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [737]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,

the 23rd MARCH, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Godowns of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Yauwai,

(for account of the concerned),

About 1,500 Tons MOJI LUMP COAL in Lots of 100 Tons.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [738]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

THE GREAT NORTHERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, beg to inform the desirous of visiting the New Trans-Pacific Steamship

"MINNESOTA,"

20,700 Tons Reg. Captain J. H. Rinder, that the vessel will be open for public inspection TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 18th inst., between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

Steam Launches will be provided and Passes may be obtained on application to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [734]

ROYAL ENGINEERS' THEATRE.
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Plan of Seats for TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, may be seen and tickets obtained at R.E. Sergeants' Mess from Q.M.S. Hunt R.E. and S.S. Messing R.E. or at the Doors on the nights of Performance.

Plan of Seats for "Staff Night" TUESDAY, 21st, may be seen and tickets obtained at R.E. Orderly Room, Headquarters Offices.

Prices of Admission MONDAY and WEDNESDAY, 20th and 22nd March:—Reserved and numbered Chairs, Rows A, B & C 5/-; 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th, 3/-; Back Seats 50 cts.

On STAFF NIGHT TUESDAY, 21st March:—Reserved and numbered Chairs, Rows A to G 5/-; Back Seats (at the doors) 50 cts.

Doors open at 8 p.m. Commence at 8.30 p.m. Chairs may be ordered for 11 p.m.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [741]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 19th inst., at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPEAK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [727]

FOR MARSEILLE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"RHENANIA,"

Captain Behrens, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 20th inst., at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [728]

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [740]

BOSTON TOW BOAT COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PLEIADES,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified, to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [7]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"CEYLON,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"HELLAS,"

Captain Rohde, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 18th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1905. [739]

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE J. C. J. Lijn Steamship

"TJIMAHU,"

Captain Zuurbaase, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed, that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims for damage must be sent in before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Title of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

The Steamer will be despatched for Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Soerabaya and Macassar on the 17th inst.

Head Agency of the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [729]

ASSOCIATION OF YORKSHIREMEN IN HONGKONG AND CHINA.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will take place at the HONGKONG HOTEL TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 18th March.

Yorkshiremen intending to be present are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

As decided by the Parent Society the term "Yorkshiremen" includes the following:—

(1) A person born in Yorkshire; (2) A person of Yorkshire parentage on either side; (3) A person who is identified by residence with the County of York.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong Club, 1st March, 1905. [737]

SAUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

TO-DAY (FRIDAY),

the 17th MARCH, 1905, at 2 p.m., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road (Corner of Ice House Street),

A NUMBER OF

IRON SAFES, SCALES,

ENAMELLED WARE, SOCKS, FURNITURE, GLASS WARE, PICTURES, CHOCKERY, COOKING STOVES, BICYCLES, &c., &c.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [707]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY),

the 18th MARCH, 1905, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road,

FANCY GOODS, DRESSING CASES, CIGAR CASES, BRISLES, RAZORS, STRAPS, CLIPPER FLIES and PIPES, PERFUMED POMADES, COSMETIQUE, EAU DE GUINUS, SOAP POWDER, &c., &c.

Also
An Assortment of GENTS' BOOTS and SHOES, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1905. [719]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of MARCH, 1905, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Barker Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 75 years.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [708]

WATKINS LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE No. 31, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
CHAN A FOOK,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1905. [705]

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 29, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of accounts, for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 31st March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. A. A. SOUZA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [717]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1905. [629]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1905. [619]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, St. George's Building, No. 6, Colaba Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1905, at 11 a.m. for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 22nd March to Saturday, the 25th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1905. [663]

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1905, at Noon, when the Subjuncted Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 11th March, 1905, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—

"That Article X of the Company's Articles of Association and its marginal notes be and the same are hereby cancelled and that there be substituted therefor the following Article and marginal notes:—

Power to increase capital:—

1. The new shares shall be issued upon such terms and conditions and with such rights and privileges annexed thereto as the General Meeting resolving upon the increase thereof shall direct and if no direction be given as the Directors shall determine.

2. The new shares shall be issued upon such terms and conditions and with such rights and privileges annexed thereto as the General Meeting resolving upon the increase thereof shall direct and if no direction be given as the Directors shall determine.

3. Subject to any direction to the contrary that may be given by the Meeting that sanctions the increase of capital all new shares shall be offered to the parties who on a date to be named by the Meeting shall be members in proportion to the existing shares held by them and such offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined and after the expiration of such time or on the receipt of an intimation from the Member to whom such notice is given that he declines to accept the shares offered the Directors may dispose of the same in such manner as they think most beneficial to the Company.

4. Except so far as is otherwise provided by the conditions of issue or by the presents any capital raised by the creation of new shares shall be considered part of the original ordinary capital and shall be subject to the provisions herein contained with reference to the payment of calls and instalments transfer and transmission for forfeiture and otherwise."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. G. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [708]

WATKINS LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE No. 31, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
CHAN A FOOK,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1905. [705]

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 29, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of accounts, for the year ending 31st

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD. JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA,
AND HUNTER PORTS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"OANFA"	On 17th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"KANSOW"	On 25th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"AGAMEMNON"	On 28th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"JASON"	On 1st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"LAERTES"	On 8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"DARPAUS"	On 15th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"CHINGWO"	On 17th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"TELEMACHUS"	On 21st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"DIOMED"	On 21st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"CALCHAS"	On 29th April.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 28th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 11th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 20th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"AGAMEMNON"	On 25th April.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	"OANFA"	On 18th March.
	"TELEMACHUS"	On 20th April.

For Freight, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [9-10]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"HANGCHOW"	On 19th March.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 21st March.
KOBE	"CHINGTU"	On 22nd March.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 28th March.
CHEFOO and TIENTSIN	"KANSU"	On 29th March.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified
Surgeon is carried.
† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
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Australasian Ports.
REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND
AUSTRALIAN PORTS.
For Freight or Passage, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [11]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA
VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Sailing Date
PLEIADES	3,753	F. G. Purington	Thursday, March 30th
SHAWMUT	3,608	E. V. Roberts	Thursday, April 13th
TREMONT	3,608	T. W. Garlick	Friday, April 21st
LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Monday, May 15th

† Cargo only.
FOR MANILA.
The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.
S.S. PLEIADES 3,753 tons. F. G. Purington. About 18th March.
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S.S. LYRA 4,417 tons. G. V. Williams. About 3rd May.
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The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" are fitted with very Superior
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steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried
in cold storage.
PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.
For further information apply to—
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
GENERAL AGENTS. [17]

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND
VICTORIA, B.C.
SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 29th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 19th April.
R.M.S. "TARTAR" 4,425 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 26th April.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 10th May.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN" 3,882 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 24th May.
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THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPERESS" STEAMSHIPS passing through the
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intermediate rates, affording superior accommodation for that class.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.
SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Navy,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, and to European Officials in the Service of Chinese
and Japanese Governments.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Handbooks, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to
D. W. CRADDOCK, Acting General Agent,
9, Pedder Street.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN, REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS.	JAPAN	First half of April	JAVA PORTS	First half of April
TJILATJAP.	JAVA	First half of April	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of April
TJIMAHU	JAPAN	First half of March	JAVA PORTS	Second half of March

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a
limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on
through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the
HEAD AGENCY OF THE
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1905. [10]

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN
HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS
AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
TAMSAI, VIA SWATOW	"B. BJORNSON"	SUNDAY, 19th Mar., at Daylight.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have
been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been
secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of
affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.
For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office
at No. 8 Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1905. T. ARIMA, Manager. [14]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Saturday, 18th Mar., 4 p.m.
SWATOW, POOCHOW & SHANGHAI	"CHUNSA"	Sunday, 19th Mar., D light
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"SUISANG"	Tuesday, 21st Mar., 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	"ESANG"	Monday, 27th Mar., 4 p.m.

* These steamers have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted
throughout with Electric Light.
† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin and Yangtze Ports.
‡ For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS. [18]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. NOTICE.

STEAM FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.
Taking Cargo at Through Rates to
TAWAU, LAHAD DATU, LABUAN, JOLO,
ZAMBOANGA AND MENADO.
The Company's Steamship

"BORNEO."
Captain E. Muhl, will be ready to load for the
above ports on TUESDAY, the 21st inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1905. [709]

FOR NEW YORK
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR
COAST).
THE Steamship

"SCHUYLKILL."
Captain Nicholas, due here on April 1st, will
have prompt despatch as above.
She will be followed by the s.s. "HUDSON."
Captain Barnett, sailing hence on or about
April 23rd.
For Freight & further information, apply to
**STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF NEW YORK.**
Oriental Freight Department,
4, Des Voeux Road, Central.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1905. [601]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.
THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS
in CHINA AND JAPAN for the above Line
are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS
OF LADING for all the principal ports in
SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-
CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly
service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from
CALCUTTA for CAPT PORTS every fortnight.
For Freight and further particulars,
apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
General Agents for China and Japan.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1904.

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
"NUBIA."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
Straits.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, &c., ex s.s. "China."
From Calcutta, ex s.s. "Sumatra."
From Persian Gulf ex s.s. "B. I. S. N."
and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
6 p.m. To-day, the 10th inst.
Goods not cleared by the 17th inst., at 4 p.m.,
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-
downs for examination by the Consignee's and
the Company's representatives at an appointed
hour. All Claims must be presented within
ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after
which date they cannot be recognised. No
Claims will be admitted after the Goods have
left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1905. [1]

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH."

Having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 8 a.m.
To-morrow Morning, the 15th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 21st instant, will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at
9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 27th
inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1905. [5]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED,
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"ALCINOUS."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being
discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both
cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo
will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown
on or after the 16th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined at 11 a.m. on the 21st inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 21st inst., will
be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the
24th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1905. [9-10]

NOTICES OF FIRMS
NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK SALINGER will
sign our Firm per Procurator during
the absence from the Colony of Mr. H. E.
TOMKINS.

REISS & CO. [690]
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

UNDER instructions from the General
Manager Mr. L. S. LEWIS will be in
charge of the Company's business at this port
during my absence from the Colony on leave.
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1905. [674]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr.
J. H. J. MURPHY, Master who
has attended to our business in Hongkong as
our Manager is returning to Bombay, and we
have appointed Mr. DOSSABHOY HOR-
MASJI COOPER in his stead as our Manager
at that place.

TALATI & CO.
Bombay, 15th February, 1905. [676]

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are
prepared, during suspension of their
Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice
to book cargo and issue Bills of Lading to
SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and
PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVER-
LAND POINTS in the UNITED STATES
and CANADA in connection with the GREAT
NORTHERN RAILWAY from SEATTLE
as hitherto, by the steamers of the NORTHERN
PACIFIC S.S. CO., BOSTON STEAMSHIP
and TOWBOAT CO'S, OCEAN S.S. CO.,
and CHINA MUTUAL S.N. CO.

For Further Particulars, apply at the
Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's
Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1904.

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